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Filed: 2 February 1998 Examiner: R. Travers  
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of A Medicament For the Treatment of Viral Diseases

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

EXTENSION OF TIME PETITION

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time for response from the date of the Examiner's action as needed, the fee being as follows:

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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed 5 January 1999, having a shortened statutory period of three(3) months, please enter the following Remarks and Amendments into the record. Also enclosed herewith is a petition for a two (2) month extension of the shortened statutory period set by the Examiner and authorization to charge the required fee to the indicated deposit account.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel Claim 15.

Please amend the following claims:

Claim 4 (2x amended). The method according to Claim 1 wherein the (R)-PCV-TP is in the form of a bioprecursor which is a [derivative of (R)-PCV-MP ] PL-ASOR derivative, phospholipid derivative, (R)-MP Bis(POM) derivative, (R)-MP diphenyl ester derivative, or dimyristoylglycerol diphosphate derivative of (R)-PCV-MP which liberates intracellularly (R)-PCV-MP which is in turn converted to (R)-PCV-TP.

Claim 16 (amended). The method according to Claim [15] 4 wherein the [bioprecursor] bioprecursor is a PL-ASOR derivative.

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